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UM WILL CONFER 1,700 DEGREES
AT COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES JUNE 8

MISSOULA--

Some 1,700 earned degrees and an honorary doctorate will be awarded at the 83rd annual commencement exercises at the University of Montana on Sunday, June 8.

Degree candidates, faculty and administrators will assemble in academic garb on the campus oval at 1 p.m. and at 1:50 will begin the colorful procession to the Harry Adams Field House, where the exercises will start at 2 p.m. The two-hour ceremony is open to the public. Seats are not reserved.

U.S. District Judge Russell E. Smith, Missoula, will receive an honorary doctor of laws degree. Smith holds undergraduate and law degrees from the University.

Also to be conferred are 1,290 undergraduate degrees; 308 master's degrees; and 102 doctorates, including 72 law degrees.

A hooding ceremony for candidates for the juris doctor degree is scheduled at 10:30 a.m. in the UM Music Recital Hall, with U.S. District Judge Paul G. Hatfield, Great Falls, as the speaker.

Eligible to participate in the commencement exercises are men and women who will complete degree requirements spring quarter 1980 or who completed them any of the preceding three quarters. Those who will take part may get caps, gowns and hoods from the Associated Students' Store on campus.

The candidates will be presented by the deans and the degrees will be conferred by UM President Richard C. Bowers, who will also deliver the charge to the class of 1980. Candidates will be announced individually as they cross the stage.

The invocation will be given by the Rev. Frank Matule, and the benediction, by the Rev. William J. Kliber. Dr. John Ellis of the UM music faculty will play the organ processional and recessional.

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